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Office Action Summary

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Period for Response

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Status

- ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- ☐ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- ☐ Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- ☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
 - ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.
 - ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 1.7.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 7
- ☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Other _____

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1. Claims under examination are 1-5
2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

3. Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Squiller et al (USP 6103849) in view of Okuno et al (USP 4562237) and Konig et al (USP 6060573).

Squiller discloses one-component polyurethane compositions made up of (a) blocked isocyanate, (b) polyketimine, polyenamine or oxazolidine and (c) a compound that generates water (abstract). Some isocyanate-reactive compounds are set forth in col. 6, lines 4-12 and they read on the (claimed) OH-containing polymeric compound (viz (ii) of instant claim 1).

*Withdrawn
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Squiller does not mention (i) a polyisocyanate which is blocked by CH-acidic ester and (ii) a tetravalent titanium compound.

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Okuno also discloses a one component room temp curable sealant composition comprising (A) a polyether polymer, (B) a partial addition condensation product and (C) a catalyst (abstract). The polyether polymer is a reaction product of a polyether urethane and a silane (col. 16, lines 4-23). An organic titanate ester is used as a crosslinking agent in the condensation product (B) (col. 2, line 60 to col. 3, line 37; col. 5, lines 57-68). This ester reads on the (claimed) one of instant claim 1, component (iii).

Konig discloses polyisocyanates blocked with CH₃-acidic esters.

NRP Therefore it would have been obvious to add ^{to} ~~in~~ the composition of Squiller (i) a blocked isocyanate or polyisocyanate (as taught by Konig) in order to eliminate or minimize yellowing due to heat and (ii) the titanates of Okuno to bring about enhanced crosslinking at low temp such as room temp. It is noted that Okuno teaches use of titanates with various silanes. These silanes react with polyether urethane prepolymer having terminal isocyanate group. Therefore it is reasonable to infer that said titanates can be useful with isocyanate also, unless proved otherwise.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to U.K. Rajguru whose telephone number is 703-308-3224. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 am to 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James J. Seidleck can be reached on 703-308-2462. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9310 for regular communications and 703-872-9311 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0661.

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